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The Catholic Library Association could not be launched under more favorable auspices than with the hearty endorsement and the generous blessing of the Dean of the American Hierarchy. We are profoundly grateful to His Eminence, Cardinal O'Connell, for his kind expression of encouragement.

ARCHBISHOP'S HOUSE
LAKE STREET
BOSTON, MASS.

September 9, 1931.

Rev. William M. Stinson, S.J.,
Boston College Library,
Chestnut Hill, Mass.

Dear Father Stinson:

The work of the Catholic Library Association has my hearty approval and good wishes. May God's blessing attend the efforts of the officers and members of this Association!

W. CARD. O'CONNELL,
Abp. Boston.

THE CATHOLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The officers and Executive Committee of the Catholic Library Association take this occasion of thanking the many active workers who have done so much during the summer months to make the newly organized Association more widely known. Their efforts have already brought results in an increased membership list, and the manifestation of their interest will be the best kind of encouragement to those who have to bear the burden of presenting the activities of the Association to the public. Since its organization on June 25th, 1931, the C. L. A. has been brought to the notice of various summer schools in session, and to the superiors of different religious congregations. Hundreds of letters have introduced it to possibly

interested parties. Through the extreme kindness of Rev. Richard P. Quinlan, Diocesan Director of Schools in the Archdiocese of Boston, the president of the C. L. A. was invited to talk for an hour on the purpose and aim of the Association to some 1,500 teachers. Favorable comments have been made in the press, while *America*, in its issue of August 29, published an article under the title, "The Catholic Library Association."

We have a large field in which to work. The scope of that work is clearly defined in the preamble of our constitution: "The purpose of this organization shall be to initiate, foster and encourage any movement directed toward the progress of Catholic library work." This purpose is a goal to be aimed at; we cannot hope to reach it by a single bound. In other words, we cannot at once foster every movement proposed toward the progress of Catholic library work. We must go step by step. And for that very reason our constitution provides for an Executive Committee of six members who, with the president, shall decide to what activities the Association is to devote its energies. For the present we have two major activities to which we are committed, viz., the Catholic Periodical Index and the Catholic Library World. When these are successfully established we can turn our attention to other projects which have already been proposed, and to projects which will be proposed as pertinent to the scope of our Association.

The Association wishes to thank especially Dr. Fitzgerald, his able assistant, Miss Marion Barrows, and each of the forty-eight contributing editors of the C. P. I. for their continually devoted work towards the success of this outstanding achievement of Catholic librarianship. To the contributors to this first number of the third volume, and to contributors to subsequent numbers of the Catholic Library World, the officers are duly grateful.

REV. WILLIAM M. STINSON, S.J.,
President.

BE CATHOLIC LIBRARY-MINDED

All Catholic library workers, and those interested in Catholic library progress, are eligible for membership in the Catholic Library Association. Each Catholic library should hold 100 per cent staff membership in the C. L. A. Subscription to *The Catholic Library World* is included in membership dues. Join your Catholic fellow-library-workers by joining the C. L. A.

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John M. O'Loughlin
Editor

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Chestnut Hill, Mass.

DRESSED FOR THE OCCASION

The CATHOLIC LIBRARY WORLD proudly celebrates its second birthday by making its initial appearance in printed form. From its humble beginning as a mimeographed monthly, it has developed into a modest yet representative organ, pledged to the furtherance of Catholic library progress. Profoundly conscious of the responsibility which has fallen to our lot, we confidently face the task of maintaining the same high calibre of editorial capacity bequeathed to us by our zealous predecessor. In the prosecution of our endeavor, we sanguinely look for the hearty cooperation of the members of the Association. We cannot too vehemently stress the fact that upon the willingness of our readers to assist us depends the success of the WORLD as the mouthpiece of the C. L. A. The columns of the WORLD are open to our readers. It is our hope to make our monthly a clearing house of Catholic library activity. Each issue will contain at least one article pertinent to Catholic library work written by an experienced Catholic librarian. In addition, it is our ambition to bring to our readers special articles from the pens of qualified Catholic writers. We shall continue the popular and interesting column, "News From the Field." The content of this department necessarily confines itself to the news items submitted by those who have knowledge of such information. All our readers are cordially invited to contribute to this column. Members of the C. L. A. are free to use the WORLD as an advertising medium for positions, and paralleling this service, Catholic librarians are urged to use our monthly when in need of competent Catholic library assistants. Those utilizing this service must send us their names and addresses. Strict confidence shall be observed. The inquirers' initials, or other such codes as they suggest, shall serve as the keys to their requests.

We believe that Catholic libraries will find the WORLD an advantageous agency for the acquirement of wants and the disposition of duplicates. This feature alone would fully compensate for the existence of our organ. We look for a rapid expansion of this department. Communications from our readers are heartily welcome. A separate column will be devoted to this interchange of ideas bearing upon library problems.

We have outlined our policy. We court constructive criticism. We shall always encourage practical sug-

gestions for the improvement of our monthly. Modestly, but confidently, we send forth the first printed number of the CATHOLIC LIBRARY WORLD in four pages. Its development will find sustenance alone in the unselfish cooperation extended by our readers.

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THE MAGAZINE SECTION IN THE CATHOLIC COLLEGE LIBRARY

By AGNES TOMCZAK
St. Louis University Library

It is doubtful whether all Catholic college libraries realize the importance of periodicals as educational helps. Periodicals give the latest thought and news of the world. Thus they furnish material that cannot be found in books. For faculty and students they are an indispensable supplement to books.

Many periodicals provide not only current news, but contain book reviews and articles of permanent value. It is obviously true that libraries are not in a position to subscribe to all the periodicals which they realize are valuable. Occasionally they are in need of odd numbers, of which doubtless there are duplicate copies lying in other libraries. Furthermore, valuable sets of periodicals are often left incomplete because of one or more missing numbers. By means of a system of cooperation between college libraries these sets can often be completed and made available.

It is true that one who does not have the habit of using a certain thing, however useful it may be, will not miss it, if deprived of it. If libraries do not appreciate the place periodicals should hold, dare we infer that perhaps it is because these libraries have not used periodicals to advantage that they are so indifferent?

Let us not take this matter then as another cumbersome duty for the librarian and ignore it. Whether your library has felt the need of another library's help or not, give the above suggestion your serious consideration. Besides helping other libraries, your library also is bound to gain some benefit. The resulting advantages well warrant the effort put into the task.

As a step toward the realization of inter-library exchange of periodicals, it is the intention of the CATHOLIC LIBRARY WORLD to open a department in which the readers of the WORLD can advantageously advertise their wants and duplicates. The success of the attempt depends on the hearty support of every librarian.

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It may be that some who have already paid their membership dues in the C. L. A. did not receive their copy of the September WORLD. Members knowing of such instances will confer a favor on the editor by sending the names and addresses of these members unintentionally overlooked.

PHILADELPHIA MEETING WAS EPOCH- MAKING OCCASION

The annual meeting of the Library Section held at Philadelphia, June 22 and 23, made history, inasmuch as it was there that the new organization, The Catholic Library Association, was born. Catholic librarians who attended these sessions were well repaid for their journey. Interesting and informative papers contributed to a constructive program. More than fifty Catholic librarians from fifteen States were in attendance. In a subsequent issue of the Catholic Library World the constitution and by-laws under which the Catholic Library Association functions will be printed. Space will not permit a complete report of the proceedings of the Philadelphia meeting. For the information of those who could not attend the convention we submit a summary of Brother Ruhlman's minutes.

The first session was held at 11.00 A.M., June 22, with chairman, Mr. Francis E. Fitzgerald, Litt.D., presiding. Following the introductory remarks of the chairman, a constitution and by-laws for the Library Section was offered by Rev. William M. Stinson, S.J., Librarian of Boston College. This proposal was submitted for discussion and approval to a committee appointed by the chairman for the purpose of investigating the present status of the said Library Section. Dr. Fitzgerald reported on the financial standing of the CATHOLIC LIBRARY WORLD and led the discussion on the further improvement of this publication. As a step forward it was advised to have it appear in printed form. Because of pressing obligations, Dr. Fitzgerald tendered his resignation as editor of the CATHOLIC LIBRARY WORLD. His resignation was accepted and the appointment of another editor was deferred until a later date.

The first general session opened at 2.30 P.M., with Mother St. Jerome, S.H.C.J., Rosemont College, presiding. Three instructive papers commanded the attention of those present: "Library Training in Texas and the Southwest," by Sister M. Incarnata; "Children's Literature in Public Libraries," by Mrs. Grace E. Cartmell, and "Adventures in Book Selection," by Dr. Asa Don Dickenson, Librarian, University of Pennsylvania.

The second general session opened at 11.00 A.M., Tuesday, June 23, with Dr. Fitzgerald presiding. A review was given of the work entailed in publishing the Catholic Periodical Index during the first year of its existence, and recommendations for its improvement were offered. Sister M. Agatha, Librarian, Ursuline Academy, Wilmington, Del., was requested to prepare a lesson plan on the use of this Index. It was moved and seconded that Dr. Fitzgerald be retained as editor of the Catholic Periodical Index and that the present editorial board continue to serve in statu quo. The report of the committee on "Catholic Bibliography" by the chairman, Mr. William T. O'Rourke, was read by Rev. Peter J. Etzig, C.S.S.R. This was followed by the committee reports on "Retrospective Periodical Indexing" submitted by Miss M. Lillian Ryan, and "List of Doctoral Dissertations" submitted by Mr. Paul R. Byrne.

The results of the two meetings of the committee on status of the Library Section were then presented by its chairman, Rev. Paul J. Foik, C.S.C., to the general assembly for consideration and approval. This report urged discontinuance of the Library Section as a division of the College Department of the National Catholic Educational Association, and the inauguration of an independent organization to be known as the Catholic Library Association. After a lengthy discussion it was moved and seconded that the report be accepted and that the resolution of this committee be forwarded to the parent organization. The secretary then read the proposed constitution, each article being thoroughly discussed by all present. A motion was made that the constitution as modified be accepted. The motion was carried. The officers for the year 1931-32 were then elected.

The third general session opened at 2.30 P.M., with Brother Francis H. Ruhlman, S.M., presiding. Unfinished business of the morning session was completed. As the constitution calls for an Executive Committee of six members, these were elected. Two pertinent papers were read at this session: "Professional Training for Librarianship," by Sister M. Agatha, and "The Librarian in the Catholic College," by Mr. Irving T. McDonald, Librarian, Holy Cross College. The report of the committee on "Classification and Cataloging" was submitted by its chairman, Rev. Colman Farrell, O.S.B., Librarian, St. Benedict's College, Atchison, Kan. It was announced that during the past year the following were added to this committee: Rev. Placidus S. Kempf, O.S.B., Librarian, St. Meinrad Abbey, St. Meinrad, Ind., and Rev. Thomas J. Shanahan, St. Paul, Minn. Mrs. Beryl Funk, Librarian, St. John's College High School, Brooklyn, submitted an informal report on the progress made in the work of compiling the "Catholic List of Books," which is to supplement the Standard Catalog for High School Libraries.

The following resolution was submitted to the College Department of the National Catholic Educational Association:

Whereas, The Library Section has enjoyed the cooperation and fostering care of the National Catholic Educational Association since its establishment, and

Whereas, The Library Section has undertaken new and important projects pertaining to its program, requiring much labor and responsibility and

Whereas, The officers of the Library Section feel the need of an independent organization to continue caring for the expanding program and relieve the National Catholic Educational Association of these burdens;

We, in meeting assembled, after mature deliberation and consideration, request that the Library Section be dissolved as a division of the College Department of the National Catholic Educational Association, and be it further

Resolved; That these members here present be formed into an organization independent of the National Catholic Educational Association hereafter to be known as the Catholic Library Association to meet concurrently with the annual convention of the N. C. E. A. when feasible.

This resolution was favorably acted upon at the closing general meeting of the N. C. E. A., June 25, 1931.

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With grateful appreciation we acknowledge this message of encouragement from Archbishop Howard of Portland in Oregon:

ARCHDIOCESE OF PORTLAND IN OREGON


THE CHANCERY OFFICE
566 Davis Street
Portland, Oregon

August 20, 1931.

Mr. John M. O'Loughlin, Editor,
The Catholic Library World,
Boston College Library,
Chestnut Hill, Mass.

My dear Mr. O'Loughlin:

It is with great interest that I have learned of the formation of the Catholic Library Association and I hasten to express the sincere hope that the Association and its organ, The Catholic Library World, will prosper mightily.

(Signed)  EDWARD W. HOWARD,
Archbishop of Portland in Oregon.

ST. CATHERINE'S LIBRARY SCHOOL COMMENCES FOURTH YEAR

It will be three years the twenty-third of this month (September, 1931) that The College of St. Catherine Library School began to function according to the standards of The Board of Education for Librarianship of the American Library Association. Since then, the school has received recognition, and has been fully accredited by this standardizing board.

Within a few months, the Library School will move to the first floor of the new Health Center. Here there will be a large laboratory, class room, offices, typewriting and book room. Although this will be spacious and satisfactory, the housing of the Library School here is but temporary. It will be located permanently in the library as soon as this new building can be planned and built.

At the present writing, the registration, which is about twenty, shows the students are to come from points as distant as Idaho, Kentucky, and Pennsylvania.

The faculty this year will have one more full time professor. Miss Lillian Busian, who was but a part time instructor last year, will devote her full attention to the Library School. Sister Marie Jose, librarian of The College of St. Catherine Library, and instructor in Book Selection, returns to the same work after spending the summer at the Graduate Library School of the Chicago University. Mr. Frank K. Walter, librarian of the University of Minnesota; Miss Ruth Rosholt, head of the Cataloging Department of the Minneapolis Public Library; and Sister Marie Cecelia, Director of the Library School, complete the faculty.

Sister Cecil, who has spent the year 1930-1931 at the University of Michigan Library School, and the summer of 1931 at Columbia, returns to Michigan for the year 1931-1932. Sister Cecil will be with us as Professor of Children's Work the following year.

July twenty-fifth, Sister Antonia, president of The College of St. Catherine, received from the Vatican a photograph of His Holiness, Pope Pius XI, accompanied by the Holy Father's blessing upon the Sisters of St. Joseph and the students and faculty of The College of St. Catherine Library School.

SISTER MARIE CECELIA, *Director.*

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Positions Wanted

From Clarke College, Dubuque, Iowa, comes this request:

"I have two girls who were graduated from our College this last June, both of whom have finished our library training course. They are interested in school-library work in preference to public library work. These girls are really exceptional in their abilities to grasp and retain information. Both are staunch Catholic girls anxious to work in this field."

Address S. M. A., in care of the Editor.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

Miss Alice Daly, of the Historical Society Library, Chicago, prepared the annual volume index of Mid-America.

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Fordham University library is planning the enlargement of its collection in order to accommodate all the graduate students who are at present using the small libraries in the graduate department in the Woolworth Building. Special desks bearing their names will be assigned to these students, and the collections of books needed will be kept there for them.

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Manifestations of our president's untiring efforts for the cause of worth-while reading and the furtherance of Catholic library progress find eloquent expression in articles which recently appeared in two leading Catholic periodicals. The September issue of *Columbia* contains an apt commentary on the list of books worth reading, compiled by the Cardinal Hayes Literature Committee, while the August 29th number of *America* offered to its readers his article outlining the aims and purposes of The Catholic Library Association.

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Miss Agnes Tomczak, A.M. (Univ. of Minn.), B.S. in L.S. (Univ. of Ill.), has been appointed head cataloger of the St. Louis University Library.

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The University of Dayton, offered during the past summer, courses in library science for the second consecutive year. These courses were open to all and were well attended, especially by members of the Society of Mary.

A two-hour course was offered daily in classification and cataloging, and a one-hour course in book selection.

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